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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed are:

- (1) Office Action dated September 11, 2007
from the corresponding Japanese Application;
- (2) English Translation of (1);
- (3) Copies of references cited in (1) with
English Abstract attached;

(4) PTO Form SB/08A cited in the reference cited
in (1).

The Examiner should note that Japanese Application No. 2001-229248 claims priority of JP 2000-228793, which is also the priority for U.S. Patent No. 6,569,589, which has also been cited in the PTO SB/08A form.

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